

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 44 and 52-89 are now pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 52-67, 83 and 84 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Claim 52 has been amended to specify that R⁴ is C₁-C₁₈ alkyl, which is explicitly described in the specification at page 5, line 12. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

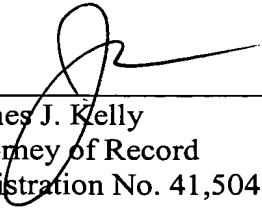
The rejection of Claims 45-51 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is obviated by the cancellation of those claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejections for obviousness-type double patenting as set forth in paragraphs 6-8 of the Official Action dated April 8, 2004 are believed to be obviated by the executed Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of those grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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